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## **Building a Stronger, More Sustainable Community**

The West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) is the Registered Neighborhood Association (RNO) for the neighbors who live, work, or own property in the West Colfax neighborhood.

WeCAN's mission is that together WE CAN provide community support, safety, and education within our neighborhood through volunteerism, proactive programs, outreach, and kindness; all the while preserving our neighborhood's history, unique character, and vast diversity.

WeCAN is a citizens group that meets the second Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm, in the main hall of the Confluence Ministries building, 1400 Quitman.

The next general meeting is **Tuesday, September 8**th, 6:00pm

#### Agenda:

6:00-6:10 – WeCAN Announcements 6:10-6:20 – Report from DPD Community Resource Officer, Denise Gomez 6:20-7:20 – Presentation on the

redevelopment progress of the St. Anthony's site and time for questions and comments

#### Letter from the WeCAN Board

Hello Neighbors,

September brings our neighborhood more news about the redevelopment that is coming to the old St. Anthony's site. I hope you will join us for our next general membership meeting, Tuesday, September 8, from 6-7:20pm to learn more. EnviroFinance Group (EFG) will be presenting the proposed Development Plan for Block 2, including information on the proposed rezoning of Block 2 to CMX 8 (allowing up to 8 stories). At this September general membership WeCAN will be taking a vote on whether or not WeCAN will support the rezoning for Block 2. You must be a WeCAN member prior to this general meeting in order to vote. WeCAN is a free organization to join, and anyone who lives, works, or owns property in the West Colfax neighborhood can join! Sign up at http://wecandenver.org/join/

Join with WECAN, Confluence Ministries and Extreme Community Makeover in the **next clean-up day in the West Colfax neighborhood**, **Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**. This is a great way to partner with your neighbors to: clean up trash on the streets and alleys, remove graffiti, help neighbors with exterior home maintenance/improvement projects, and build new relationships and make connections in the neighborhood. Lunch will be provided. Projects are generally completed by 4PM, but you can come for a half day. Children of all ages are welcome to come with an adult willing to work with and supervise them. Please contact Diana at 303-550-9853 or Diana@wecandenver.org to discuss projects and get registered for the day.

Colfax Elementary School is starting Reading Partners tutoring program at the school. You can volunteer 1-2 hours a week tutoring an individual student at the school. All training and materials will be provided, no teaching experience is needed. If you would like to learn more about the program contact volunteerco@readingpartners.org or call 720-409-9909. More information about the program will be at the October 13th WeCAN general meeting.

Another opportunity to tutor Colfax Elementary students is through the **Whiz Kids tutoring program at Confluence Ministries**. The program

# West Colfax Neighborhood Events Calendar

### September

- **3** Broncos pre-season game, 7pm at Sports Authority Field (watch parking signs!)
- **5&6** Health and Wellness Expo at Sports Authority Field
- **8** WeCAN General Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (main hall)
- **12** Patriot Day 5k Race at Sloans Lake, 7:00am
- **13** Walk to Cure ALS at Sloans Lake, 9:00am
- **13** Broncos game, 2:25pm at Sports Authority Field
- **16** WeCAN Board Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (basement). Open to the public.
- **19** Colorado Symphony 5k run/walk at Sloans Lake, 7:45am
- **19** Rocky Mountain Showdown, CU vs. CSU, 5pm at Sports Authority Field
- **21** DPD District 1 Commanders Advisory Group (CAG) meeting, 6pm, 1311 W. 46<sup>th</sup> **21-25** Denver Waste Management Large Item Pick-up

#### October

- **13** WeCAN General Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Quitman (main hall)
- **17** WeCAN Neighborhood Clean-up Day! 9am-4pm

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Register to become a WeCAN member:

http://wecandenver.org/join/

#### Letter from the WeCAN Board Continued:

meets October through April at Confluence Ministries on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:00. The program pairs up kids and adults to provide tutoring, mentoring and a Christian-based message. New tutors are welcome, needed and trained! More information can be found at www.whizkidstutoring.com or call 303-504-9449.

A big **THANK YOU** for all of those who volunteered at the WeCAN table for the Neighborhood Festival in August! It was great seeing everyone in the community out for this annual event and meeting new neighbors.

### From the Denver Police Department, District 1:

The Denver Police Department in District 1 wants to help with the speeding problem along the side streets in the neighborhood. Short cuts are often taken on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to avoid traffic on Colfax Ave. Citizens can request speed trailers to help reduce speeding and motor vehicle accidents in their community. For more information, call the Neighborhood Enforcement Team at (720) 337-1030, or contact our Community Resource Office.

Denver Police District 1's Community Resource Officer is Officer Denise Gomez. If you ever have questions, comments, or concerns about what is going on in the West Colfax neighborhood don't hesitate to contact her at Denise.Gomez@denvergov.org or 720-913-0566.



Support WeCAN's Newsletter by donating metal to our recycling program. All scrap metal, large and small, is accepted. Donations are tax deductible with receipts upon request.

Please contact Bill Baker to arrange a pick-up of your metal donation. 303-946-8230 or bigbuddy2@comcast.net

# How Can You Volunteer for the West Colfax Neighborhood This Month?

# Become a Reading Tutor at Colfax Elementary!



Become a Reading Partners tutor this fall – no teaching experience required, training and materials are available, commit to giving as little as one hour a week, located at the school (1526 Tennyson St.), be a mentor to a neighborhood child!

To learn more about the program go to: http://readingpartners.org/

To volunteer or get more information about the program contact: volunteerco@readingpartners.org or call 720-409-9909